

No. R-26. House concurrent resolution in memory of former Representative and District 4 Act 250 Environmental Commissioner James McNamara of Burlington.

(H.C.R.15)

Offered by: Representatives Hooper of Burlington, Ode of Burlington, Bluemle of Burlington, Cina of Burlington, Headrick of Burlington, Krowinski of Burlington, Logan of Burlington, Mulvaney-Stanak of Burlington, Rachelson of Burlington, Stebbins of Burlington, and Stone of Burlington

Offered by: Senators Baruth, Chittenden, Gulick, Lyons, Ram Hinsdale, and Vyhovsky

Whereas, Jim McNamara was a loving husband, father, and grandfather, a dedicated public servant, and an enthusiastic golfer, skier, and singer of sacred and secular music, and

Whereas, after serving in the U.S. Navy during World War II and graduating from the College of the Holy Cross and Cornell Law School, he worked as an assistant Burlington City Attorney, as a private practitioner with his father, and then with the law firm of McNamara, Fitzpatrick, and McCormick, and

Whereas, for more than 30 years he served as a Burlington Justice of the Peace, and in advance of the 1994 session, Governor Howard Dean appointed Jim McNamara to a vacant seat in the House of Representatives, where he served honorably until 2000 as a member of the Committee on Transportation, and

Whereas, in the 1970s, Governor Thomas Salmon nominated Jim McNamara to the District 4 Act 250 Environmental Commission, and, following Jim's legislative service, Governors Dean, Douglas, Shumlin, and Scott returned Jim McNamara to the Commission as an alternate, where his active participation as commissioner reflected his intelligence, reasonableness, thorough preparation, and engaging wit, and

Whereas, Jim McNamara died on November 27, 2022, leaving his children and grandchildren, his wife of 44 years, Ellie, having predeceased him in 2004, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its sincere sympathies to the family of former Representative and District 4 Act 250 Environmental Commissioner James McNamara, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the family of Jim McNamara and to the District 4 Act 250 Environmental Commission.